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## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An improved rotation sensor having:

a cylindrical first rotor made of an insulating magnetic material, having conductor layers arranged circumferentially, the first rotor being attached to a rotating first shaft at a predetermined axial position;

a fixed core having an exciting coil, the core being fixed to a fixing member with a space secured in the axial direction with respect to the first shaft;

a second rotor having a nonmagnetic metal bodies arranged circumferentially to oppose the conductor layers respectively, the second rotor being attached to a second shaft located adjacent to and rotating relative to the first shaft and being located between the first rotor and the fixed core; and

oscillating means connected to the exciting coil, the means transmitting an oscillation signal of a specific frequency;

wherein the improvement comprises:

rotation guides for guiding rotation of the first and second rotors respectively with respect to the fixed core.

- 2. The rotation sensor according to claim 1, wherein the rotation guides are guide rings obtained by molding a metal or a synthetic resin.
- 3. The rotation sensor according to claim 2, wherein a first guide ring and a second guide ring are formed on the first and second rotors respectively and are engaged with the fixed core.
- 4. The rotation sensor according to claim 3, wherein the first and second guide rings each have a multiplicity of protrusions formed circumferentially on the periphery and on the upper and lower surfaces.
  - 5. The rotation sensor according to claim 1, wherein

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the rotation guides are bearings interposed between the first rotor and the fixed core and between the second rotor and the fixed core, respectively.

- 6. The rotation sensor according to claim 1, wherein the fixed core contains an exciting coil in a core body.
- 7. The rotation sensor according to claim 1, wherein the fixed core contains two exciting coils in a core body.
- 8. The rotation sensor according to claim 1, wherein the fixed core has a case for shielding an alternate current magnetic field.